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A DISCUSSION OF *TROXEL v. GRANVILLE*

INTRODUCTION

During the Family Law in the Year 2000 Symposium at the West Virginia University College of Law, a panel of esteemed scholars discussed the then-impending decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Troxel v. Granville*.¹ The *Troxel* Court, presented with a case involving grandparents who sought court-ordered visitation with their grandchildren, eventually determined that a Washington statute permitting any person to petition for visitation rights at any time under the best interests of the child standard unconstitutionally infringed on parents' fundamental rights to rear their children. The following are edited transcripts of the comments of Katharine T. Bartlett, Dean and A. Kenneth Pye Professor of Law at Duke University School of Law, and Karen Syma Czapanskiy, Professor of Law at the University of Maryland School of Law.

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530 U.S. 57 (2000).